

**ST. PATRICK’S PRIMARY SCHOOL**

 **12 Ballymacbredan Road, Magheralin, Craigavon. BT67 OQU**

**Tel no – 028 3834 1400 Fax no – 028 3834 7376**

**Email: info@stpatricks.magheralin.ni.sch.uk**

**Principal: Mrs. M. McGrath. BA(QTS), PQHSH, DipPD.**

**‘Together we learn, together we grow, developing our future, wherever we go!’**

26th January 2022

Dear Parents

Since our return to school for the new term, we, alongside many other schools throughout Northern Ireland, have seen the continuation of cases of children testing positive using their Lateral Flow tests.

We thank you, our parents, for your support in both testing your children and keeping them off school when necessary. It is only with your partnership that we can keep the number of positive cases to a minimum.

As a reminder to be vigilant, a text is sent out each Sunday evening. Please inform the school if you are not receiving these texts.

We will also use our website, Schools NI app and Face book page to communicate key messages from PHA, EA and or DE.

On a school level we continue to keep measures in place to ensure that we can keep children in school and classes open. The following list of measures is not exhaustive;

* Classes remain in their bubbles for break / lunch and playtimes
* Timetables are in place for handwashing and sanitising on arrival and throughout the day
* A one-way system is used throughout the school
* Rooms are well ventilated with open doors and windows
* 3 x CO2 monitors have been provided by EA to ascertain levels in the rooms. These are moved to various rooms periodically to check and maintain good levels
* Limited outside agencies come into school – when this does happen appropriate steps are taken to ensure the safety and well-being of all
* An agreed cleaning regime / timetable is in place with the caretaker, who will also focus on touch points each day
* Staff have access to Lateral Flow testing and masks
* An Alert letter is sent out to parents when we have been made aware of a confirmed case in their child’s class.
* Information on close contacts for primary school age children is placed on our school website

On a parental level we ask that you continue to check your child / children for signs of

* new continuous cough and/or
* high temperature and/or
* a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).

If your child has **any** of these symptoms, please **keep your child at home and book a PCR test.**

Please ensure also that **if you receive an Alert letter from school, that you test your child at home using a Lateral Flow**.

It is only when we work together, can we reduce the risk spreading Covid-19 throughout our school community. I thank you for your assistance and continued cooperation.

Yours sincerely

Mrs M. McGrath

Principal